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HELPER-FREE PREPARATIONS OF

RELEASED RECOMBINANT AAV VECTORS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 19, 2004, for which a response is due on January 19, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 19, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.